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Revolutionary "Tea Party"
Facts.

In the New York Observer of Nov. 19, last, under the heading, "Bloomfield, N. J.," is an interesting account of the centennial celebration of the Presbyterian church, origin of name of society and town, etc.

The Major Bloomfield therein mentioned as attorney general, took part previously in a novel suit which goes to show that Greenwald, N. J., and not Boston, held the first, so-called, "Tea Party."

It is well known that the British government, to test the temper of the colonies to stand taxation before the Revolution, directed the shipment of teas to the ports of Boston, New York and Philadelphia. After strong remonstrance in Massachusetts, a party of the citizens of Boston, disguised as Mohawk Indians, threw the tea from the vessel into the harbor. In New York as well as Philadelphia, the merchants, to whom it was consigned, refused to receive the tea, and the vessels with it were obliged to return.

It appears, however, by the third volume, pages 178-79, of the collection of the New Jersey Historical Society—to be found in the Germ Smith Library of the city of New York—"One vessel, the brig Greyhound, ventured up the Delaware creek on the Delaware, to Greenwich, in Cumberland County, N. J., and there landed and stored her cargo. On the 22d of November, 1775, forty men, in the dusk of the evening, deliberately took possession of this tea, piled it up in an adjoining field and made a bonfire of it." This public act of rebellion was twenty-four days in advance of the Boston tea-party.

"Col. Robert G. Johnson gives the names of many of those ardent and resolute patriots. One of them was the late Ebenezer Elmer, of Dinghampton; another was Richard Howell, afterwards governor of New Jersey; a third, Rev. James Ewing, father of the distinguished justice of the state, and a fourth was the Rev. Andrew Hunter, a man as distinguished for piety as patriotism."

"Suits were brought by the owners of the tea for the recovery of damages, but the whigs of the country resolved that funds should be raised for the purpose of defending the action. Joseph Reed and Charles Pettit were employed by the owners of the tea; and Joseph Bloomfield, afterwards eleven years governor of New Jersey, Elias Boudinot, Jr., D. Sergeant, of Princeton, and George Read, of New Castle, were retained by the defendants. The suits, however, were never brought to trial.

Joseph Bloomfield and Ebenezer Elmer were honored by the provincial congress of New Jersey of 1775 with commissions of captain and lieutenant. In January, 1776, these commissions were confirmed by the Congress of the United States, to the continental army. In two weeks thereafter they raised a company of one hundred men in and around "the first tea party," and in the spring marched their company up to Berken, New York State, and there they built Fort Payton, named after their colonel, the remains of which, near and around the court house, may still be traced.

Joseph Bloomfield, after whom Bloomfield, N. J., was named, was a major and was wounded at the battle of Brandywine, and also a brigadier-general, with rank of general in the war of 1812. They were both in subsequent years elected members to Congress for several years by the State of New Jersey.

The above true incident, as to the first Revolutionary tea party, is given by a grand uncle of General Bloomfield in *The N. Y. Observer* of Jan. 28th.

The Postmaster'ship.

The appointments made by President Harrison during the latter end of his term of office in 1893 were permitted to stand for the full term of four years by President Cleveland. It is therefore no more than fair that the appointments made by President Cleveland, at this time, and confirmed by the Senate, should not be disturbed until their term has expired, unless better than mere partisan reasons can be adduced. President-elect McKinley has pledged himself to Civil Service Reform, and will not doubt consider the appointment of Postmaster Dailey for a full term of four years Mr. Dailey is not doubt checked off as a "Democrat" on the party rolls; but neither before nor since he became attached to the postal service has he been known as an "offensive partisan," and his administration of the office has been in all respects satisfactory and commendable.

The Dawn of Prosperity:

As seen in "New Occasions," Frederick Upland Adams, Editor, Chicago, Ill., 1904.

It is refreshing to turn from the reading of accounts of suicides, failures, the distress of the unemployed, and the dreary recital of human misery and contemplate the prosperity, happiness and hilarity of our "better classes."

The more generous of the contributors to the campaign corruption fund, which elected Mr. McKinley are not suffering much this winter. They have preserved the "financial honor" of the country, and are now enjoying themselves.

You have read of the Seelye banquet in New York City. The newspaper accounts convey no idea of the almost inhuman depravity of that debauch, which was participated in by a score or more of New York's "best citizens." The bestial crimes for which Sodom and Gomorrah were blotted from earth were not sufficient to satisfy the jaded tastes of these millionaire rakes. They invented new crimes against nature, and called in abandoned and shameless women to participate in the orgy.

Do you suppose that a single one of the male animals who took part in that affair voted for William J. Bryan?

A few blocks from where they met and squandered thousands of dollars in this select carnival of crime and licentiousness, the hungry children of honest workmen went supple to bed. As they roiled, American citizens who are denied the privilege of earning a living by honest labor tramped past the banquet hall, searching for a half-way in which they could rest their worthless bodies.

A state of society or a system of government which can produce a Seelye dinner in a city with 100,000 idle workmen is so utterly wrong that no defense can be made for it. The student of history need not be told that Seelye dinners and armies of starving and unemployed always come together. And they always produce the same results.

High School Reunion.

The reunion of the Bloomfield High School Association last Friday evening at Dr. Broughton's was a very pleasant gathering of graduates, teachers and friends.

The regularity of these gatherings is attested by the good attendance which the representatives of the High School always give. About sixty were present on this last occasion and participated in the pleasures of an evening, the program for which was happily selected and successfully carried out. Vocal and instrumental music, literary recitations and plenty of jokes thrown in was the order of the program. There were orchestral selections, a solo by Eugene L. R. Cadmus, Mrs. William Stuphen contributed selections on the piano.

The identification of prominent men in history and political life from views of their photographs was an interesting pursuit, calculated to enlist the attention of all and lead to a better acquaintance of the faces of those whose words and works have long been familiar.

A somewhat lighter vein of entertainment was added in the guessing of witty answers culled from our popular comic sheets, the accomplishment being to connect the above mentioned jokes with their appropriate illustrations.

Strange to relate the prizes were distributed exclusively among the principal men and members of the household, which of course was another amusing feature.

These meetings which have marked the social existence of the High School Association or years have been beneficial in many ways, one of the most important of which being the holding of the interests of graduates in the school and in the community, and the separation of other pursuits and are liable to foster other attachments.

City Streets.

Strolling along the City streets, what curious people the eye meets; All hurrying on, with different aims, With one intent, their end to gain.

Look at the laborer, stout and strong Toiling with heavy step along. Then, see the spruce young city clerk, Speeding to do his daily work. Soon the stoop girl comes in sight To labor on from noon 'til night. And now a newsboy has 'bilit. To sell the Herald, Times and Sun.

See the sewing woman comes along, With wheel and foot, and anxious face. The lawyer goes with steady sin. Thinking how his suit to gain.

There goes a peddler on the street, Accosting everyone he meets; And now, the merchant, stiff and bold, Planning to increase his store.

Behold a porter on the street, Claiming your pay, bear them talk. The judge appears among the throng, Soon to decide the right or wrong.

And then, a drunken totterer by, With beggar face, and blood-shot eye. The letter-carrier with a will Delivers news, both good and ill.

If I should wish to cross the street, Sometimes, a sweeper I may meet, Perhaps an officer is there, To protect us from the car.

And then, there goes the life man, What's he good for? Tell if you can. Later appears the city girl, With jewelry and the general whiz. A pocket-picker comes along, Look sharp, or else your purse is gone.

The gay gallant, with dancing men Parades in self, just to be seen. The matron, not so shopping bent, Straight to the bargain counter went. Behold! there goes a milk cow, Riding by with stately air. I wonder how much he'll bestow To milk a cow, or else a doe?

Two little vagabonds are found, Playing marbles on the ground. A band of music fills the air, With melodies to catch the ear. With melodies to catch the ear, With melodies to catch the ear. With melodies to catch the ear, With melodies to catch the ear.

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night. All the members were present except Mr. Powers and Mr. Foster of Watessing.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

R. N. Dodd, horse hire Fire Department, \$76; R. N. Dodd, repair Phoenix House, \$50; E. D. Ackerman, repairs to bell tower, \$34.44; S. F. Hayward, fire alarm supplies, \$6; George Gelhardt, salary, janitor Hose No. 2, \$6; F. N. Cuaugst, salary, janitor Truck House, \$10; Victor Corrae, salary, janitor Phoenix No. 1, \$6; W. U. Oakes, salary, Chief Bloomfield Fire Department, \$37.50; Edwin Joyce, repairs to fire whistle, \$3.15; D. H. Bonnell, fire alarm supplies, \$31.48; James Flannery, expressage, \$4; August Olsen, Superintendent Fire Alarm, \$20.66; James J. Wrightson, County Clerk, \$72; William R. Hall, tax sales, \$42.72; H. L. Osborne, Collector, salary, \$100; lark's salary, \$50; Janitor's salary, City Hall, \$10; R. N. Dodd, horse hire, \$6; W. R. Hall, salary, \$20.83; Policemen's salaries, C. F. Hummel, \$66; J. R. Baylis, \$60; Thos. McKane, \$60; Lewis M. Collins, \$60; James Foster, \$60; James Avery, \$62.85; John G. Wedge, \$24; W. H. Thompson, cleaning police station, \$5; Bloomfield Library and Boarding stables, \$65.50; J. W. Baldwin & Bros., poor account, \$92.44; Jane Bonnell, board, \$18; C. L. Voorhes, postmaster, salary, \$41.66; W. U. Oakes, Superintendent Public Works, salary, \$41.66; Tunis Garabrant, clearing snow, \$34.75; Pay roll, Thos. Cogan, \$4.00; Robt. Williams, clearing snow, \$6.92; Walter Lane, salary, \$50; E. D. Ackerman, sewer connections, \$309.25; M. J. Callahan, sidewalks, \$234.50; M. J. Callahan, sidewalks district 3, \$6.

The bill of the Suburban Electric Light and Power Company for the past six months was presented, amounting to \$4,249.46, together with a communication from Dudley Farrand, the Assistant General Manager of this Company, in which he stated that he hoped the Committee would consider this bill favorably and remit the full amount without delay.

Mr. Lawrence inquired, "are there any allowances made for the poor service rendered by the Company?" Chairman Stout said there was not. Mr. Lawrence recommended that \$2000 be paid on account of the bill rendered by this Company. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Farrand informed Committee-man Lawrence that he would furnish a book in which to enter complaints, and that the Company would consider it a favor if the people would promptly notify the police of any lights that were not burning.

Mr. Lawrence informed the Committee that the Liberty Street bridge over the Morris canal was in need of repairs. Superintendent Oakes was present and said that Director McGowan of the Board of Freeholders promised to attend to this matter some time ago.

Chairman Stout read a communication from President Sheppard of the Orange Water Company, in regard to the use of water for puddling trenches for house sewer connections. Mr. Stout had a conference with Mr. Shepard and informed him that one dollar was a fair price for the water used for this purpose. The Water Company are willing to accept this offer, provided the water shall be used only during working hours, that no fire hydrants shall be used, and that the water shall be used to fill in to the fence line, for a compensation of \$1.

Mr. Gilbert said that the contract with the Water Company for this purpose was free.

This matter was referred to Mr. Gilbert, Chairman of the Water Committee, for investigation and report.

The improved fire alarm system has been accepted by the Committee after an inspection made last Saturday.

The Police Committee were instructed to notify the Police to enforce the ordinance concerning the clearing of snow and ice from the sidewalks immediately after each snow storm.

No complaints were received concerning the non use of the snow plow. Mr. Gilbert called attention to the propriety of placing an arc light at the junction of Broad and Franklin Streets. This matter was referred to the Lighting Committee.

The Clerk read a communication from E. A. Rayner, Counsel for the estate of A. G. Marr, presenting a claim for \$1,022.88 for disbursements made for the years 1894 and 1895. Mr. Rayner stated that he trusted the Committee would settle this case without litigation, and quoted the law under which his claim was made. Chairman Stout said that the late Collector's salary was raised to an amount equal to the percentage received for the disbursing of the school money. This matter was referred to the Legal Committee.

Mr. Lawrence informed the Committee of the condition of the family

of Mrs. Ingold of Franklin Street, whose children were sick with diphtheria. He instructed Postmaster Voorhes to give this case his personal attention and supply her wants.

Mr. Gilbert said that Health Inspector Young had been derelict in his duties. The card showing contagious disease had not been posted until a day after the doctor notified him.

Another instance was reported by Mr. Gilbert where the Health Inspector had taken down a diphtheria card on Jersey Street without the consent of Health Physician Bailey. "Evidently there has been a laxity on the part of Township officials," observed Mr. Stout.

A meeting of the Health Board will be held next Monday night when these matters will be discussed.

At 9:20 P. M. the Committee went into executive session for the consideration of private business.

The March Magazine Number of The Outlook contains an editorial entitled "The Story of Jonah," in which Dr. Lyman Abbott gives his views of the two meanings of this Biblical narrative. The newspaper discussion which has been going on concerning Dr. Abbott's recent sermon on this topic, and the wide-spread absurd misreporting of his utterances make this article of particular interest.

THE ORIENTAL PEDDLER.

The Hawker of the East Adopts the Gam-

bling System. The hawker of the East is a picturesque figure in costume and of many nationalities. His shabby attire and white gleaming teeth are the very essence of the blue sky overcast. He does not stand still in the street and appeal to passers-by to buy his wares. He sits from cafe to cafe and solicits longer smokers smoking their pipes in the open air. He adopts the gambling system as being a more direct appeal to human passions. In his hand he carries a lucky bag. When he enters a cafe, he invites you to dip your hand in the bag and try your luck for a pair of five francs, a beautiful Egyptian shawl shimmering with gold or silver embroidery, or some other of the many ornaments peculiar to the East. It is difficult to resist his persuasive enticement. The method of procedure is this: In his lucky bag the hawker carries 200 numbers. The figures are neatly inscribed on small slips of paper. These are rolled and curled up in the lucky bag, which resembles a pillow case into anything else. When the peddler enters the cafe, his quick eye soon detects a likely customer. To start by he offers a small sum to the customer. The odds are very much against you, but the hawker in Cairo and Alexandria make a very fair harvest when these cities are full. As much as 15 to 18 francs for a turkey which costs 5 francs is pretty good profit. Somebody, of course, wins it in the long run.

The articles disposed of in this way comprise boxes of splendid peaches and other fruits, confectionery in great variety, plants and the beautiful poinsettias, turkeys and other live stock, game in season, fish, darts, a great variety of ornaments, cunning devices in gold, furniture, etc.

There is another side to the picture. The eastern hawker would not be content with the mere gambling for a lucky number. He should be exercising his ingenuity. While he is talking to a would be "futturer" he drops his hand into the bag and begins shaking up the numbers. These, it should be explained, are made up in batches of tens and twenties, which are composed of a slightly different qualities of paper. In the bag is a false bottom. So delicate is Hassan or Abdul's touch that he can distinguish one batch from the other with his hand. Instantly you select your number he switches them off into the covered compartment. You may easily be tricked half a dozen times in this way without knowing it. The face of the hawker on such occasions is a study. Never for a moment does he relax his attention to you. His smile is sunny as the eastern morn. His respectful graciousness never leaves him.—Pearson's Magazine.

In a general order issued recently the president virtually recognizes tobacco as an article essential to the well being and maintenance of the soldier in times of great exertion, as well as in times of peace and routine. The order, which emanates from the war department, reads as follows:

"Under the authority vested in him by section 1144, revised statutes, the president hereby establishes an emergency ration for troops operating for short periods under circumstances which require them to depend upon supplies carried upon their persons. In component parts are as follows: Bacon, 10 ounces; hard bread, 16 ounces; pea meal, 4 ounces, or an equivalent in approved material for making soup; coffee, roasted and ground, 2 ounces, or tea, half an ounce; saccharin, 4 grains; salt, .64 ounce; pepper, 4 ounces; tobacco, half an ounce."

The secretary of war directs that this emergency ration be resorted to only on occasions arising in active operations when the use of the regularly established ration may be impracticable; that, though its nutritive qualities permit its use on half allowance, it will not be so used except in cases of overruling necessity and never for a longer period than ten days, and that not more than five days' emergency rations be carried on the person at one time.

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